instalments to the State. The time period of four years as initially stipulated for completion of the project, was extended for a further period of two years at the request of the State Government. Subsequently, in April 2003, the Government of Karnataka approached the Union Government for consideration of Revised Cost Estimate with a cost escalation from Rs. 1196.70 lakhs to Rs. 2160.00 lakhs.

The Union Government could not accede to the request of the State Government for consideration of the cost escalation in respect of both the projects since any cost escalation was to be borne by the State Government as per the terms of the sanctioning of the project.

Use of Naphtha fuel and gas as fuel

†*76. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naphtha, fuel oil and gas is used as fuel for production of urea fertilizer in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the cost of production has been found to be varying based on the fuel used in production;

(c) if so, the cost of production of urea produced during the production year 2002-03 calculated on the basis of use of Naphtha, fuel oil and gas separately; and

(d) the percentage of each of the said fuel being used at present in the country by fertilizer industry?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (d) Natural gas, Naphtha, fuel oil (FO)/low sulphur heavy stock (LSHS) are used as feed stock in the production of urea. Cost of production of urea varies based on the feedstock used. The weighted average cost of production for urea units

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

based on natural gas, Naphtha and FO/LSHS during 2002-03 was as follows:-

Sl. No.	Feedstock used	Weighted average cost of production (Rs./MT)
1.	Gas based urea units	6205
2.	Naphtha based units	12714
3.	FO/LSHS based units	11266
4.	Mixed energy based units	8307
	Total weighted average	8525

The percentage of the different feedstocks in production of urea is as follows:

Feedstock	No. of units	%share
Gas	13	50.30
Naphtha	10	26.90
FO/LSHS	4	10.20
Mixed energy based units	3	12.60
TOTAL :	30	100.00

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*77. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to review the Pharmaceutical Policy 2002;

(b) if so, whether Standing Committee on Petroleum and Chemicals has suggested the Ministry to have a re-look at new policy and endeavour to make it widely acceptable and free of legal lacunae;